Transfer of 'Police' and 'Public Order' to Concurrent List

1145. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to tranfer the subject of "Police" and "Public Order" from State List to the Concurrent List of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the other steps proposed to be taken to ensure protection of the States against internal disturbance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) There is no proposal before the Government to tranfer the subject "Police" and "Public Order" from the State List to the Concurrent List of the Constituion.

(c) Analysis and assessment of law and order and security scenario in the country is an ongoing proces in the Central Government, keeping in view its constitutional obligations. In the Process of discharging these obligations, the Central Government also interacts with the State Government and keeps itself posted in respect of prevailing situation in all the States and takes appropriate action in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

Insurgency In NE

1146. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a recent meeting with the Chief Ministers of North-Eastern States the Prime Minister ruled out declaring the insurgency in North-Eastern Region as a national problem.

(b) is so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government are aware that this step has led to a very depresing effect amongst the people of the States of the NE region and if so, what steps Government would take to tackle the problem of cross-country terrorism indulged in this area on a very large scale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME